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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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- [Cancelled] 1.
- 2. [Cancelled]
- [Currently Amended] The method as claimed in claim 221 wherein the route is 3. optimized first for a primary availability parameter, and second for a secondary availability parameter.
- The method as claimed in claim 221 further comprising [Currently Amended] 4. determining whether the resource availability information associated with the selected optimal route is relevant to an abstracted link in the abstracted network map
- [Previously Amended] The method as claimed in claim 22 wherein transforming the 5. resource availability information of the abstracted link comprises formulating a metric information update message to be sent to the CNE, the metric information update message including resource availability information in units and in a format expected by the CNE.
- [Previously Amended] The method as claimed in claim 22 wherein the respective 6. resource availability information assigned to the abstracted link comprises a predefined fraction of the total resource availability of the selected optimal route, in order to offer a percentage of the available bandwidth to the client network element.
- [Previously Amended] The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the first NE is an 7. edge NE of a data transport network that is connected by a link to the CNE and is